

The Ghosts at 1616, 1620, and 1624 21st Street.



Joan Rene

Mai-Li

Date: Wednesday, May 30th

Time: Around 1:30

Location: 1616, 1620, 1624 21st Street, Sacramento CA

Subject: Ghostly presence felt.

Experiencer: Mai-Li

Witness: Joan Rene

After lunch at Journey to the Dumpling on 1700 21st Street, we decided to walk around. Across the street, three historic homes were being renovated into condominiums. We passed by the first one (1624), waved to the construction crew and complimented their work.

Mai-Li: "Ooh, I have goose bumps. I wonder if it's a ghost?"

Joan: "Maybe?" giving thumbs up "Nice work!" to the crew.

We reached the house at 1616. The gate was open. Mai-Li went up the porch steps. As I waited, a crew member came toward us.

Mai-Li, still looking in the window and door, "Bad Feng Shui"

The crew member approached me (Joan): "You interested in the houses?"

“Do you know if these houses may be haunted?”

At first he denied it, but when Mai-Li said she felt something at 2024. He then opened up and shared his experience. “I was working here around 3am and I felt like something was watching me. When I was under the house and I felt like something did not want me to be there so I got out. We think it’s an old man and he’s doesn’t like us there. There seems to be a lady in that other house, but she doesn’t seem to bother us.”

Then he pulled out his camera and showed us shadowy figures he captured in the windows of two of the houses. He said “I didn’t see them at first but when we zoomed in on the pictures, we saw them. I can see but some people don’t believe, so...” He said sometimes he can see ghosts “but not everybody sees.”

Mai-Li took pictures while we were there. That evening, she sent a close up of the windows. She got faces, but they were not ethereal like the crew member photos. One looks like the face of the sun with rays similar to ones that hung on the wall in the late 1900’s. The other I can’t make out, but more solid than the ethereal faces the crew member had.

I went back to the site on Thursday to see if I could find the man we talked to. They think it was Israel or Emanuel. He wasn’t there, but I left my number asking him to text me and that I am interested in his photos. We’ll see. It’s a long shot if I get them.

I took pictures of 1616 and 1620. I panned the scenery behind me to help identify reflections in the glass that are really just that. No luck. Everything I caught was an identifiable reflection. There were, however, no items I found to reflect what Mai-Li caught. (Pictures below.)

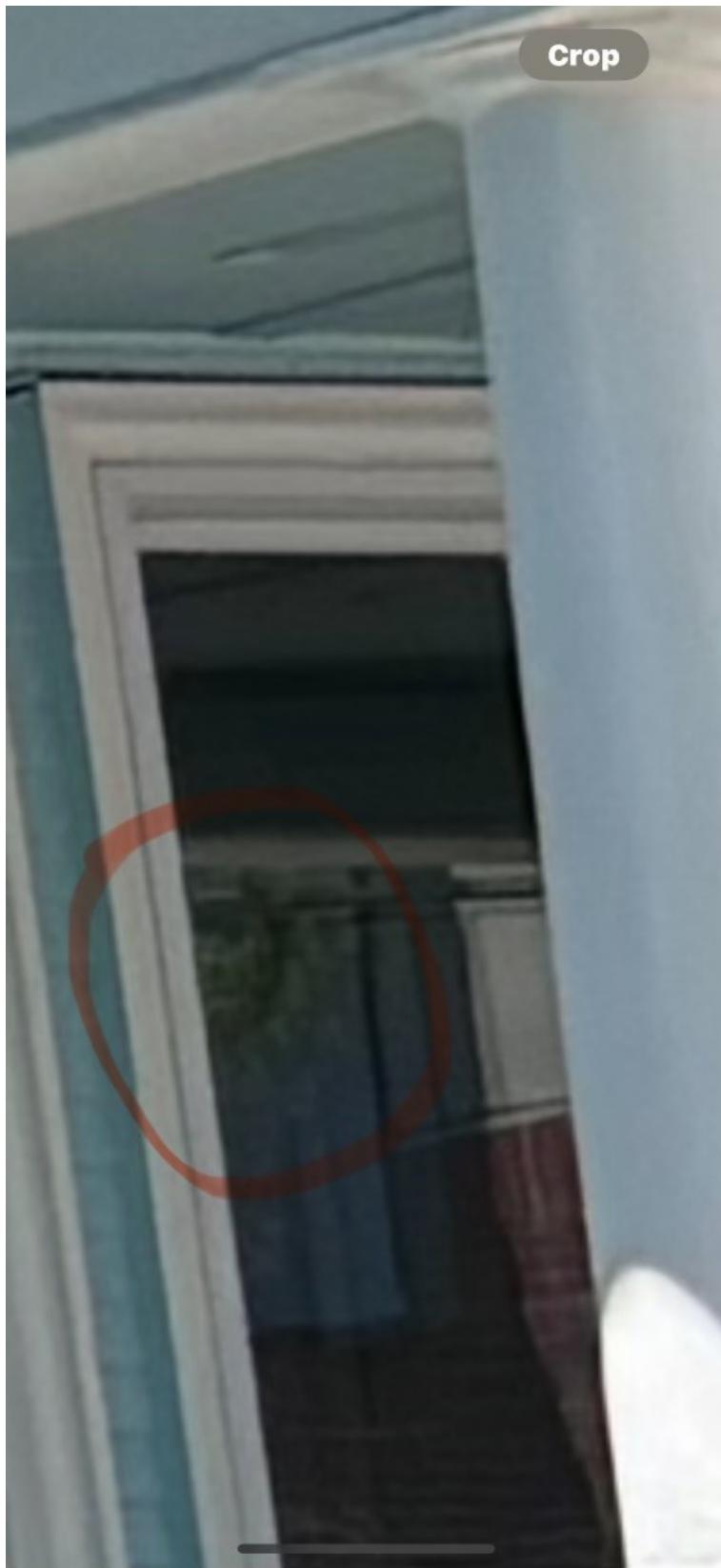
Also attached is an excerpt and link to an article about the houses from the Sacramento Bee. Another link gives the status of an application for historical review and the final link shows some of the former occupants of 1624.



1620



Mai-Li's photo



Close-up. Not a reflection that I could find. Looks like a mask.



Another close-up. Also, could not find where the image was coming from.



1624 Crew member felt presence of an angry man



1616 where the older lady appears.

Here is a Sac Bee article and an excerpt of what went on there. No wonder!!!!

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/city-beat/article208587144.html>

"The houses have a long history in the city's cultural scene. Beat poet Allen Ginsberg is believed to have done a reading there in the 1970s. By the 1990s, the houses became an epicenter of midtown's punk rock scene. One of the houses was known as "P House," for nearby P Street. Another was called "Casa de Chaos." When punk bands visited Sacramento, the musicians often crashed in one of the houses. A pirate radio station operated out of one house. William Burg, a local historian, lived there for a few years and said he paid \$125 a month in rent. "It was a hub of arts, of music, of poetry, of activism," Burg told the City Council. "And more ideas than I care to count."

Read more at:

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/city-beat/article208587144.html#storylink=cpy>

Here is the application for Historical Review of the properties in 1616

<https://www.midtownsac.org/development/august-13th-2016>

Here are some former residents of 1624.

https://www.truepeoplesearch.com/find/address/1624-21st-st_sacramento-ca-95811#google_vignette